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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 15-18 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: Claims 15 -18 recite the limitations of the body being of generally rectangular prismatic shape and a member adapted to attach to the body to provide an extension of the body syringe support region and, thus, the invention of claims 15-18 is distinct from the invention as originally claimed in claims 1-11.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 15-18 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Specification

2. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required:

The specification fails to disclose each cover being attachable in the absence of the other covers and the second of the covers being shaped in the general form of a hook having a long straight arm and a curved tail (claim 19).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

4. Claims 12-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. The body having an exterior end that is curved and the second one of the interchangeable covers as claimed to include a straight portion and a curved portion is not supported in the specification as originally claimed. The specification as originally claimed does support the second one of the interchangeable covers being in the form of a hook with a long arm and a tail. However, it is unclear if the straight portion and the curved portion of the second one of the interchangeable covers correspond to the hook with the long arm and tail. It is suggested that the support for the amendments to the claims be clearly indicated by showing where, in the specification and/or drawings, the support for the amendments is.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3-7, 9, and 19 are allowed.

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6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The housing for a syringe driver assembly having at least two covers where the second one the covers is in the general form of a hook having a long arm and a tail where the tail forms an extension for mating with the body of the housing in addition to the other structural limitations of the housing was not found in the prior art.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments, see line 16 of page 15 to line 6 of page 17, filed December 4, 2009, with respect to the specific reference to the prior-filed application have been fully considered and are persuasive. The requirement for the specific reference has been withdrawn and Applicant has met all of the requirements for claiming the benefit of the Patent Cooperation Treaty application and the two United Kingdom applications.

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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